News release

Sunshine girl Becky forecasts great future with ITV weather

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ITV's weather service has welcomed a bright new stablemate as sunshine girl Becky Mantin joins the top-rate team presenting the nation's weather.

A former model and experienced regional TV presenter, Becky will present ITV National Weather on the ITV network alongside some of the very best in the trade, including Sian Lloyd, Martyn Davies and Chrissie Reidy.

Becky, who currently presents weather for ITV Anglia in the east of the country, was spotted by top ITV and Met Office executives. Her appointment is part of the ongoing strategy within ITV to update the news and weather formats.

They felt the outgoing 23-year-old would fit in well with the existing national team and help to complete the overall appeal to ITV's target audience.

Paul Mills, Met Office Controller of Media Presentation: "Becky was selected to join the team following her successful work at Anglia. She is a natural presenter who will bring her popular outgoing personality to the work she does so well. We are delighted to have her working with us."

The new job could see Becky become a household name, like so many of her weather presenting peers.

Born and bred in Norfolk, she said it was all a dream come true: "It's all been really amazing to be honest and I am truly looking forward to meeting the other presenters and learning everything they can teach me.

"The ITV team has some of the best weather presenters you can find and they are people who I've watched and admired and, to some extent, tried to emulate. I assure you I will be hanging on their every word."

And so, from next Tuesday, 10 August, Becky will present the ITV weather one-day-a-week, following the three ITV news programmes, along with a live interview at 1.30 p.m. with the ITV News Channel.

"It's also a great opportunity to learn from the guys off-camera in the Met Office who put in so much of the hard work to deliver a professional and accurate forecasting service to the nation," said Becky.

Her step into network presenting is a well-trodden path from ITV Anglia's weather team. Former ITV Anglia weather presenter Claire Nasir went on to present weather for GMTV, and Becky Jago moved into national children's television.

Michael Jermey, Editor, ITV Regional News, said: "Becky does an excellent job presenting weather in the ITV Anglia region and we're delighted that she'll now also be broadcasting to a national audience."

Becky's huge fan base in the east of England - she is one of the most popular presenters in the region - will be happy to hear that they will still see her on their local service.

"This work will be in addition to my Anglia presenting. I will still be living and working from here so it's the best of all worlds for me.

"The people I work with at Anglia have been so supportive in ensuring I got this opportunity and it's really thanks to them too," she said.

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